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SERVICE DATE - DECEMBER 8, 2000

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Released Rates Decision No. MC-999

Decided: December 6, 2000

In a decision served November 9, 2000, the Board requested comments, by December 11, 2000, on a proposal submitted by the Household Goods Carriers' Bureau Committee (Committee) to amend Released Rates Decision No. MC-999. The proposal would change the terms under which carriers could limit their liability for damage to, or loss of, household goods shipments. The decision also requested that the Committee submit additional information regarding its proposal.

In a petition filed December 1, 2000, the Committee seeks a 30-day extension of the comment due date. The petition indicates that the Committee's staff is currently participating in several regulatory proceedings that impact the interests of the moving and storage industry. The Committee states that in view of the contemporaneous assignments, as well as the intervening holiday season, it needs the additional time to prepare and present as complete a response to the Board as possible.

Because the Committee has presented good cause, its request for an extension of time will be granted. The due date for comments will be extended for other parties wishing to participate as well.

It is ordered:

1. The request for a 30-day extension of time to submit comments in this proceeding is granted. The due date for comments in this proceeding will now be January 10, 2001.

2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary